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# Congregation B'nai Israel Newsletter

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March 2013



Adar - Nisan 5773

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## Reflections

By Rabbi David White

### How Do you Distinguish between "Passover" as Celebration of Consciousness vs. Overlooking Life's Unique Moments and Blessings?

The word "Passover" evokes a variety of contradictory meanings. When someone is passed over for a job promotion, it implies something lacking in that person. At worst, she/he is overlooked, underappreciated, and possibly taken for granted.

To pass over implies missing an opportunity to connect with someone/something special, to take someone or a situation lightly. In games or discussions, people feeling they have no "move" or nothing to contribute may choose to "pass".

Many Jews pass over facets of Judaism and Jewish observance because the ritual or practice is beyond their interest or capacity.

It is enlightening, therefore, to note that Passover has the exact opposite meaning. It is an act of "consciousness" by Jews and God resulting in sparing the lives of the Jews with the onset of the tenth plague, the killing of the first-born males of Egypt. Instead of overlooking the threat or taking it lightly, every Jew had to take the blood of a lamb and smear it over their doors. It required an act of consciousness and daring since the lamb was considered one of the gods of Egypt.

One could muse as to why this was necessary. Surely the Power of the Universe could sort out the different households without the Jews so identifying themselves. Yet, a constant theme in Judaism is that in this world God acts in concert and correlation with human initiative and behavior. By God's choice, human beings matter in their conscious participation to choose partnership with the Almighty...that we live by Mitzvah, responsible actions reflecting and revealing conscious decision making.

Miracles involve human participation in some subtle or blatant fashion. The Sea of Reeds parts only after Nachshon ben Aminadav walks into the water up to his nostrils. And as God leads the people in battle against the Amalekites, the Jews only prevail when Moses keeps his arms elevated. Conscious human partnership with God is at the core of Jewish purpose and meaning.

God's passing over the Israelite homes is not about overlooking anyone.

Accordingly the Passover celebration of the Seder involves each household examining closely conditions that changed in going from slavery to freedom and tasting the difference between the bitterness of slavery, the Maror, and the joy of freedom, the four cups of wine... and tasting both in the Karpas (the green vegetable) representing spring and new beginning along with slavery in its being dipped into the tears and sadness symbolized by the salt water.

Passover, and the way you observe it (or not!) tells you where you are in your journey from slavery to freedom. Since the time of the Exodus, Judaism teaches that freedom requires you to take responsibility to make yourself knowledgeable about your life conditions and make decisions that will protect your freedom.

While many today lack knowledge in Jewish ritual and practice, the price they pay is passing over potentially significant moments offering insights, teachings and opportunities to add value to their lives. The Passover home ceremony is set in a particular "order" (the word for Seder) so as to allow and encourage each and every household to experience the story without exception or excuse.

The challenge is for everyone planning on attending the community Seder not to use that as a replacement for the home experience but rather to take the risk, step into the water up to their nostrils and discover the power and meaning of engaging Passover and its unique meaning to their families. Accordingly, there are countless varieties of Haggadot available for every desire and need.

Don't pass over Passover. Enjoy the second night Seder not as a substitute for the first, but as an opportunity to share stories and insights uncovered the night before with the larger community.

Remember, the more questions you raise, the more praiseworthy the rabbis consider your Seders, so ask lots of questions and don't worry about getting the answers right!

Chag Sameach v'Kasher!

Have a wonderful and joyous Passover!



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## Monthly Schedule of Services

*Please be sure to attend – we're looking forward to seeing you there!*

- Friday, March 1 ..... Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, March 2 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants
- Friday, March 8 ..... Shabbat Seder at 7:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, March 9 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants
- Friday, March 15 ..... Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Rabbi White
- Saturday, March 16 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Rabbi White
- Friday, March 22 ..... Children's Service at 7:00 pm  
General Services at 8:00 pm
- Saturday, March 23... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants
- Tuesday, March 27 ..... Congregational Passover Seder  
at 6:00 pm
- Friday, March 29 ..... Services at 8:00 pm  
Led by Congregants
- Saturday, March 30 ..... Services at 10:00 am  
Led by Congregants



### Oneg & Kiddush Sponsors for March

- Friday, March 1 ..... Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, March 2 ..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, March 8 ..... Shabbat Seder co-sponsored  
by CBI Officers & Directors and attendees
- Saturday, March 9 ..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, March 15 ..... Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, March 16 ..... Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, March 22 ..... Oneg sponsored by attendees
- Saturday, March 23... .. Kiddush sponsored by attendees
- Friday, March 29 ..... Oneg sponsored by attendees  
Kosher for Passover goodies only!
- Saturday, March 30... .. Kiddush sponsored by attendees  
Kosher for Passover goodies only!



*Remember a loved one with a donation "in honorarium" or "in memoriam" to the Congregation or Sisterhood. The minimum donation is \$5.00 and acknowledgments are sent to the recipient and the donor. Please call Gail Lamkins at 707-425-5866 for further details.*



## March Birthdays



- Jerome Solomon ..... 3
- Larry Grossman ..... 7
- Isaac Nurik ..... 7
- Leah Heilborn ..... 10
- Ian Bond ..... 11
- Michael Noonan ..... 12
- Alisa Danyeur ..... 14
- Mark Freed ..... 16
- Zoë Garfinkle ..... 16
- Geri Kahn ..... 16
- Benjamin Barush ..... 20
- Alisha Ellis-Lamkins ..... 20
- Lindsay Feinberg ..... 24
- Renee Morales ..... 27
- Leah Mullen ..... 27
- Linda Bogner ..... 31

### ♥ March Anniversaries ♥

- Jehon & Jennifer Grist ..... 3
- Sheryl & Dennis Meade ..... 27
- Walter & Shirley Bogner ..... 29

♥♥ Congratulations to Sheryl & Dennis Meade on celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! ♥♥



### MARCH ONEG & KIDDUSH SPONSORS

We have 9 opportunities for B'nai Israel members to sponsor an oneg or Kiddush in March.

There are 4 Friday onegs and 5 Saturday kiddush open. The Friday dates are March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, twice on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday dates are March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please provide something savory and/or sweet for the community to enjoy after services. Plate your treats and put them on the long tables set up in the Social Hall prior to services. Wine/juice, challah, coffee & tea are supplied by the B'nai Israel kitchen. Contact Sue at [cbioffice1@yahoo.com](mailto:cbioffice1@yahoo.com) or 707-642-6526 to confirm your preferred date!

**Today Rabah to our February Shabbat Seder sponsors Nadine and Alan Goodban, Sheryl Meade, Katya Mayzeles and Carolyn Steinberg!**



### New Class in Trope...How to do a Haftarah...with Rabbi White

If you would like to learn to sing a Haftarah, the chanting of the Prophetic portion of the Torah service concluding the Torah reading, then join Rabbi White on Sunday March 3 at 11:15 AM until Noon in his office. Ability to read Hebrew is a prerequisite for this program. The goal is to train CBI members to take turns in doing the Maftir Haftarah readings both on Shabbat mornings and on the Days of Awe. If you have a CD player, you can have a 45 minute Haftarah Trope Trainer that can help you on your way to doing a Haftarah.

**Jacqueline Silva Memorial  
with her Family**

**Sunday, March 3, 2013**

**1:00 pm**

**at Congregation B'nai Israel  
1256 Nebraska Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590**



**A memorial for Congregation B'nai Israel member  
Jacqueline Silva is scheduled for Sunday, 3 March  
2013 at 1:00 p.m. with Rabbi White.**



**Following the memorial, share your stories of  
Jackie with her family, who will host a catered  
reception in the Social Hall.**

**Please RSVP to enable Jackie's family to plan  
accordingly.**

**RSVP to Nan Chandler**

**[nanchandler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nanchandler@sbcglobal.net) or 707-746-5689**

## MARCH YARTZEITEN

**March 1 - 15, 2013**

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| 19 Adar ..... | Clifford Young           |
| 19 Adar ..... | Martin Samuel Levy       |
| 19 Adar ..... | Rose Schertzer           |
| 20 Adar ..... | Bryna Glick              |
| 22 Adar ..... | Louis Trager             |
| 23 Adar ..... | Nettie Cook              |
| 24 Adar ..... | Beyla Nakhlis            |
| 24 Adar ..... | Jeanette Warren          |
| 25 Adar ..... | Robert Campbell          |
| 25 Adar ..... | Fortunee Pizante         |
| 26 Adar ..... | David Edell              |
| 26 Adar ..... | Sadie Dolgin             |
| 26 Adar ..... | Nathan Hausner           |
| 27 Adar ..... | Tillie Gordon            |
| 27 Adar ..... | Jennie Crossman-Schwartz |
| 28 Adar ..... | Rabbi Abraham Gray       |
| 28 Adar ..... | Saul Brainen             |
| 29 Adar ..... | Anna Rosenthal           |
| 29 Adar ..... | Pauline Isaacs           |
| 4 Nisan ..... | Louis Farone             |
| 4 Nisan ..... | Lynn Shapiro             |
| 4 Nisan ..... | Marcus Laub              |
| 4 Nisan ..... | Alexander Schmall        |

**March 16 - 31, 2013**

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 5 Nisan .....  | Tillie Shapiro    |
| 5 Nisan .....  | Jack Naparstek    |
| 6 Nisan .....  | Jeannie Horowitz  |
| 6 Nisan .....  | Sidney Chudnofsky |
| 7 Nisan .....  | Lily Broley       |
| 9 Nisan .....  | Gisa Rothman      |
| 9 Nisan .....  | Rosa Rothman      |
| 9 Nisan .....  | Feigele Rothman   |
| 9 Nisan .....  | Herman Rothman    |
| 12 Nisan ..... | Abe Rayblatt      |
| 13 Nisan ..... | Sophie Garelick   |
| 13 Nisan ..... | Calla Klein       |
| 14 Nisan ..... | Sam Steinberg     |
| 14 Nisan ..... | Louis Beitcher    |
| 15 Nisan ..... | Charles Georgetti |
| 18 Nisan ..... | Ruth Cohen        |
| 20 Nisan ..... | Albert Blum       |
| 20 Nisan ..... | Lillian Smith     |
| 20 Nisan ..... | Arlene Less       |



### Cemetery Plots

We still have a few cemetery plots at Sunrise Memorial in Vallejo. The cost is \$2,500 for members and \$3,000 for non-members. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 707-642-6526, Jan Leventhal at 707-747-1810 or Carolyn Steinberg at 925-229-8090.



## Adult Studies with Rabbi White

On Sunday March 17 at 10:45 until noon, Rabbi White will continue his monthly program of Sunday studies and conversation: translating spiritual values found in core prayers into everyday application and practical strategies for living. Each session involves a close examination of familiar prayers in uncovering core Judaic values good for application in everyday life. Sessions are designed to be participatory as people bring their own life stories and experiences to bear in bringing ancient prayers alive in making each day better and bringing more balance into our lives.

Next sessions: March 17 and April 21



### MEMBER UPDATES

Correct spelling of last name:

**Shirley Voorhes**

New Address:

**David Gonzalez**

164 Robles Way, #179, Vallejo, CA 94591

New Email Address:

**Brian & Diane Silver**

silvernapa@gmail.com

*Be sure to update your rosters!*



## Ner Tamid

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### Eternal Flame

## Napa County's only Jewish Cemetery Now Available

The Ner Tamid section of the historic St. Helena Cemetery is reserved for people of the Jewish faith and their immediate families. It is the only Jewish sacred space for burials in Napa County. The landscape design includes features of specific Jewish significance.

For further information contact

**Myrna Abramowicz 707-226-9634 or**

**Donna Mendelsohn 707-259-5332**

Section 26 of St. Helena Community Cemetery

2461 Spring Street

St. Helena, Napa County, CA

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood is dedicated to the support of the synagogue, especially financially. We would like to say "thank you!" to all of you who have paid your dues – you are helping your synagogue! The Sisterhood gift shop is open the first Sunday of every month, holidays and can be opened by prearrangement at other times by contacting Joyce Georgetti, Carolyn Steinberg or Jennifer Mercado. Mark your calendars for our upcoming Mad Hatter Tea on May 19 at 1:00 pm.

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**From Midrasha in Berkeley**

We want YOU at the Midra-Shabang. Join Midrasha in Berkeley as we launch our Hineni Campaign with a Shabang on Sunday, March 10, 2013 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford Street in Berkeley. We are shooting for the stars with a \$100,000 fundraising campaign to preserve Midrasha in Berkeley as we build an innovative retreat and experiential education program for all East Bay Jewish teens. We hope you will come and join us as we celebrate at THE party of the year!

We have all kinds of fun things planned and there will be something for everybody. You won't want to miss the premiere of a short video by Oakland Midrasha teacher Marshall Sachs. It wonderfully captures what makes Midrasha such a special and magical place! You will also enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Janice MacMillan, owner of Kosher Craft. There will be live music, fun affordable games where you can win great items, a silent and a live auction and of course, the raffle drawing. So be sure to buy your party and raffle tickets! We can't wait to see you there! This year really is different from all other years!

Tickets are \$72 but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. We want you to celebrate with us. To buy your party and raffle tickets send in the rsvp card and raffle tickets you received in the mail or email: [diane@midrasha.org](mailto:diane@midrasha.org) or phone the Midrasha office at (510) 843-4667. An invitation and RSVP form are on the Midrasha website: [www.Midrasha.org](http://www.Midrasha.org). Raffle tickets are \$10 each and prizes are an iPad mini, a \$100 gift card to Comal Restaurant in Berkeley and a bottle of Robert Mondavi 1997 Napa Cabernet. You can send in your check and Midrasha will fill out the tickets for you.

Diane Bernbaum, Director

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## Congregation B'nai Israel Second Night Passover Seder Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Please join the congregation as we celebrate Passover at our second night Seder.  
It's always lots of fun and good food. Please come!

**When:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013  
Seating begins at 5:30 PM  
Seder begins at 6:00 PM  
Dinner served at 7:00 PM

**How:** Reservations will be accepted until  
March 15, 2013 or until 110 people  
have registered.

**NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE  
ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE -  
NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Where:** Congregation B'nai Israel  
1256 Nebraska Street  
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**Donation:** \$32.00 per adult for members  
\$37.00 per adult for non-members  
\$17.00 per child 5-12 years old for members  
\$19.50 per child 5-12 years old for non-members  
Children 4 years and under are free

**Desserts will be potluck - please bring a Kosher for Passover, pareve, non-dairy dessert to share! Be sure that the prepared dessert is labeled Kosher for Passover or is made from only Kosher for Passover ingredients.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP - THIS IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER EFFORT!!!**

To volunteer to help with the preparations, including cooking, serving and cleaning up, please contact **Wendy Schuplinsky** at 707-745-3404 or [schuplinsky@comcast.net](mailto:schuplinsky@comcast.net) to schedule yourself for one or more of the activities involved.

**We thank you in advance for your help and support!!**



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***Friday, March 22, 2013***

***Don't forget to get your (typed) items in!!  
This includes flyers – please forward to the editor!***

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# בני ישראלי

MARCH 2013

| <i>Sun</i>  | <i>Mon</i>                        | <i>Tue</i>  | <i>Wed</i>                                    | <i>Thu</i>                        | <i>Fri</i>  | <i>Sat</i>  |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|
|   |                                   |   |   |                                   | 1<br>Services<br>8:00 pm<br>Rabbi White                       | 2<br>Services<br>10:00 am                                 |
| 3<br>Gift Shop Open<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 - 12:00<br>Passover Mtg 9:45 am<br>Trope Class<br>11:15 am<br>Memorial for<br>Jacque Silva<br>1:00 pm | 4                                 | 5<br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 - 6:00 pm<br>Finance<br>Committee<br>7:00 pm | 6   | 7                                 | 8<br>Shabbat Seder<br>7:00 pm<br>Rabbi White                  | 9<br>Services<br>10:00 am                                 |
| 10<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 - 12:00<br>Hadassah<br>General Mtg<br>1:00 pm  | 11<br>Board<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm | 12<br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 pm<br>to<br>6:00 pm                         | 13  | 14                                | 15<br>Services<br>8:00 pm<br>Rabbi White                      | 16<br>Services<br>10:00 am<br>Rabbi White                 |
| 17<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 - 12:00<br>Adult Ed<br>10:45 am  | 18                                | 19<br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 pm<br>to<br>6:00 pm                         | 20<br>Hadassah<br>Board<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm | 21                                | 22<br>Children's<br>Service<br>7:00 pm<br>Services<br>8:00 pm | 23<br>Services<br>10:00 am                                |
| 24<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>to<br>12:00 pm   | 25<br>1st Night<br>of<br>Passover | 26<br>2nd Night of<br>Passover<br>Congregational<br>Seder<br>5:30 pm    | 27<br>3rd Night<br>of<br>Passover             | 28<br>4th Night<br>of<br>Passover | 29<br>Services<br>8:00 pm<br>5th Night<br>of<br>Passover      | 30<br>Services<br>10:00 am<br>6th Night<br>of<br>Passover |
| 31<br>7th Night<br>of<br>Passover   |                                   |   |   |                                   |   |   |

# DRAFT

APRIL 2013

| <i>Sun</i>   | <i>Mon</i>                              | <i>Tue</i>   | <i>Wed</i>   | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i>   | <i>Sat</i>  |
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|  | <b>1</b>                                | <b>2</b><br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 pm<br>to<br>6:00 pm                          | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br>Services<br>8:00 pm<br>Rabbi White                       | <b>6</b><br>Services<br>10:00 am<br>Rabbi White                           |
| <b>7</b><br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>to<br>12:00 pm<br>Gift Shop Open<br>Yom HaShoah   | <b>8</b><br>Board<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm | <b>9</b><br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 - 6:00 pm<br>Finance<br>Committee<br>7:00 pm | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>Shabbat Seder<br>7:00 pm<br>Rabbi White                 | <b>13</b><br>Services<br>10:00 am   |
| <b>14</b><br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>to<br>12:00 pm<br>Hadassah Movie<br>Event<br>1:00 pm   | <b>15</b>                               | <b>16</b><br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 to<br>6:00 pm<br>Yom<br>Ha'Atzmaut          | <b>17</b><br>Hadassah<br>Board<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>Services<br>8:00 pm<br>Rabbi White                      | <b>20</b><br>Kamren<br>Bar Mitzvah<br>Services<br>10:00 am<br>Rabbi White |
| <b>21</b><br>Sunday School<br>10:00 - 12:00<br>Sisterhood Mtg<br>10:45 am<br>Adult Ed<br>10:45 am<br>Israeli Independence<br>Day Celebration | <b>22</b>                               | <b>23</b><br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 pm<br>to<br>6:00 pm                         | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>Children's<br>Service<br>7:00 pm<br>Services<br>8:00 pm | <b>27</b><br>Services<br>10:00 am   |
| <b>28</b><br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>to<br>12:00 pm<br>Lag B'Omer<br>Picnic/BBQ   | <b>29</b>                               | <b>30</b><br>Hebrew School<br>4:00 pm<br>to<br>6:00 pm                         |  |            |  |   |
|  |   |  |  |            |  |   |

# KlezCalifornia

CELEBRATING  
YIDDISH CULTURE & KLEZMER MUSIC



The Bay Area's wonderful Jewish Music Festival, March 2-12, has a great line-up of events this year, as every year, and this year's is almost completely klezmer music and Yiddish song! Buy tickets (or a Festival pass) now, before they sell out! Discounts available for advance purchase. More details at [jewishmusicfestival.org](http://jewishmusicfestival.org). KlezCalifornia folks will be at most JMF events, enjoying the music and distributing flyers about our next Yiddish Culture Festival in Berkeley October 26-27. Come say hello to us!

**Saturday, March 2, 7:00pm, Opening Night: The Future of Jewish Music in Poland, with Polesye: Jewish Folksongs from the *Shtetl*, and Shofar. Multimedia introduction by Ruth Ellen Gruber.** At the Berkeley Repertory Theater. Tickets: \$26 general, \$24 JCC East Bay members, seniors, students.

**Sunday, March 3, 8:00pm, Real Vocal String Quartet with True Life Trio.** The show includes at least one Yiddish song, a tango! At Freight and Salvage Coffee House, Berkeley. Tickets: \$24 general, \$22 JCC East Bay members, seniors, students.

**Monday, March 4, 1:00pm, Polesye: Jewish Folksongs from the *Shtetl*.** At the JCC East Bay, Berkeley. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 JCC East Bay members, seniors, students.

**Tuesday, March 5, 7:30pm, Michael Alpert and Julian Kytasty: Night Songs from a Neighboring Village.** At the JCC East Bay, Berkeley. Tickets: \$20 general, \$18 JCC East Bay members, seniors, students.

**Thursday, March 7, 8:00pm, Theodore Bikel, Merima Kljuco and Shura Lipovsky.** At Freight and Salvage Coffee House, Berkeley. Tickets: \$30 general, \$28 JCC East Bay members, seniors, students.

**Saturday, March 9, 8:00pm, Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Memorial Concert: Vilna Poems and Akoka - The End of Time.** At the Berkeley Repertory Theater. World premiere of Vilna Poems, a song cycle of works by Yiddish poet Avrom Sutskever, composed by David Garner. Tickets: \$26 general, \$24, JCC East Bay members, seniors, students.

**Sunday, March 10, 2:00-5:00pm, An-Ski Expedition at 100. Panel discussion with Gabriella Safran and Nathaniel Deutsch, and performance by Michael Alpert.** This event commemorates the one hundredth anniversary of the An-ski Folklore Expedition, which collected thousands of Yiddish songs, stories, artifacts and folklore from *shtetlakh*, intended for a Jewish national museum in pre-revolutionary St. Petersburg. At the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. No charge.

**Tuesday, March 12, 5:30pm, History of American Jewish Music, a talk by Mark Slobin.** Presented by (and at) The Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life, Berkeley. No charge.

**Tuesday, March 12, 7:30pm, A Sweet Diaspora Song: Paths of Jewish Music in America, a performance by Michael Alpert in conversation with Francesco Spagnolo.** Presented by (and at) The Magnes, Berkeley. No charge.

And a newly-added post-Festival JMF event:

**Thursday, March 14, 7:00pm, Daniel Kahn & the Painted Bird's "Bad Old Songs" Album Release Concert, plus Conspiracy of Beards.** At the JCC East Bay, Berkeley. Tickets: \$15.

# Congregation B'nai Israel

Friday, March 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm  
Shabbat Seder with Rabbi White

Installing the newly elected  
CBI Officers and Directors



Potluck Entrée Provided by  
our CBI Officers and Directors

Please bring a Dairy or Pareve side dish  
or salad and a dessert to share.



Join around the tables  
for our “family style”  
welcoming of Shabbat!

Please RSVP to Fern Bernstein, [fernbernstein95@gmail.com](mailto:fernbernstein95@gmail.com) or 707.422.3817; Wendy Schuplinsky, [schuplinsky@comcast.net](mailto:schuplinsky@comcast.net) or 707.745.3404 or Lois Pierce, [piercel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:piercel@sbcglobal.net) or 707.678.3632; Alisa Danyeur, [alisa@danyeur.net](mailto:alisa@danyeur.net) or 707.746.0414; Sue Barush, [cbioffice1@yahoo.com](mailto:cbioffice1@yahoo.com) or 707.642.6526

**Congregation B'nai Israel  
Passover Seder  
March 26, 2013**

Please join the congregation as we celebrate Passover at our second night Seder.  
It's always lots of fun and good food. Please come!

**When:** Tuesday, March 26, 2012  
Seating begins at 5:30 PM  
Seder begins at 6:00 PM  
Dinner served at 7:00 PM

**How:** Reservations will be accepted until  
March 15, 2013 or until 110 people  
have registered.

**NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE  
ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE -  
NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Where:** Congregation B'nai Israel  
1256 Nebraska Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590

**Donation:** \$32.00 per adult for members  
\$37.00 per adult for non-members  
\$17.00 per child 5-12 years old for members  
\$19.50 per child 5-12 years old for non-members  
Children 4 years and under are free

**Desserts will be potluck - please bring a Kosher for Passover, pareve,  
non-dairy dessert to share! Be sure that the prepared dessert is labeled  
Kosher for Passover or is made from only Kosher for Passover ingredients.**

For reservations: Fill out the reservation form and return with your check to:

**Nadine Goodban.**

**Remember reservations close on March 15th - NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in your party: Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Child 5-12 \_\_\_\_\_

Child free \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of check \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Seating will be assigned. Please indicate the parties you would like to sit with:

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Make your check payable to **Congregation B'nai Israel**. Mail your check as soon as possible to: **Nadine Goodban, 125 Pyracantha Court, Vallejo, CA 94591**. For additional information contact Nadine at [nadalang@comcast.net](mailto:nadalang@comcast.net) or **707.644.3421**

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**RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!! Remember reservations close March 15!! Thanks!!!**

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP - THIS IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER EFFORT!!!**

To volunteer to help with the preparations, including cooking, serving and cleaning up, please contact **Wendy Schuplinsky** at **707.745-3404** or [schuplinsky@comcast.net](mailto:schuplinsky@comcast.net) to schedule yourself for one or more of the activities involved. We thank you in advance for your help and support!!

## Small electronics Recycling Program

I am very pleased to announce a new and additional small electronics recycling program at CBI! We are now accepting the following:

Ink jet cartridges      Laser Toner Cartridges  
Digital Cameras      Cellular Phones  
Laptop Computers      iPods  
MP3 players

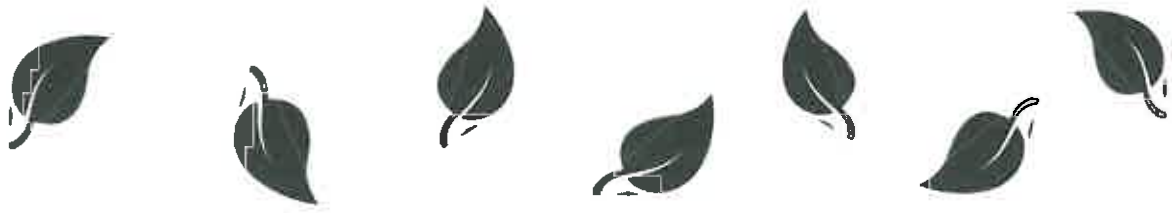
The proceeds will benefit our Religious School. We will receive anywhere from \$0.25 to \$20.00 per item with most items in the \$2.50 range.

Reprocessing one empty laser toner cartridge averts 2.5 pounds of solid waste out of landfills. Recycling one printer cartridge prevents natural resources, such as oil, from being used to produce a new one. Remanufacturing one cell phone stops 220 pounds of waste from being generated.

Please look for our new recycling display and collection box, due to arrive in April!

This new program will help us all get green, reduce solid waste, recycle and raise money for our Religious School!





Upon entering Congregation B'nai Israel, one sees our first, and full, Tree of Life, a symbol of our many joys and happiness. Read the plaques on the original Tree of Life; they reflect the history of CBI. I have two plaques on that Tree of Life; one commemorating our son's Bar Mitzvah and one for our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

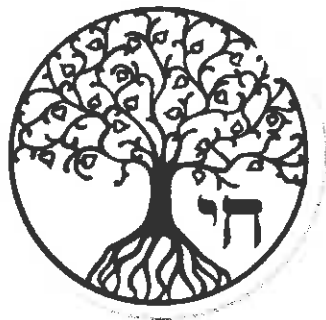
Thanks to the generosity of the Campbell family, our synagogue has a second Tree of Life, with lovely, golden leaves, ready to commemorate our community's many simchas! I have ordered one leaf to honor my grandson's Bar Mitzvah and soon will order a second leaf for our thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

I suggest each member of Congregation B'nai Israel think of two happy events in our lives worth remembering and purchase a "leaf" on the Tree of Life. If we all purchase two leaves on the Tree, we can fill it and celebrate by adding a third Tree of Life! Send the message to be inscribed on your leaf to John Campbell, [jr.campbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jr.campbell@sbcglobal.net), or to me, Fred Zola, [fredzola@earthlink.net](mailto:fredzola@earthlink.net). The cost is \$300 per leaf. Every time you enter our synagogue, you, your family and your friends will be reminded of a joyous time in your lives.

- ❖ Significant anniversaries or birthdays
- ❖ Births, Brit Milah, Baby Naming
- ❖ Bar and Bat Mitzvah
- ❖ Parents and grandparents honoring their children & grandchildren
- ❖ Children and grandchildren honoring their parents & grandparents
- ❖ CBI Leaders
- ❖ Community members' accomplishments

Let us hold onto and remember our happy times and fill our beautiful, new, Tree of Life.

Fred Zola  
[fredzola@earthlink.net](mailto:fredzola@earthlink.net)

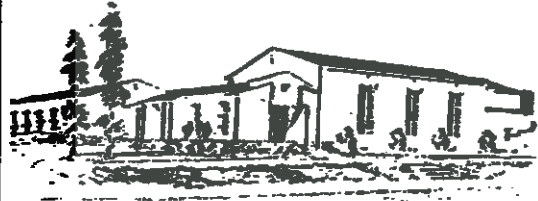


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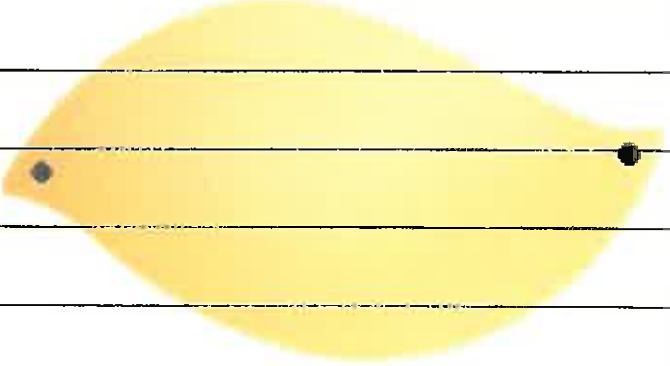
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## TREE OF LIFE

### LEAF ORDER FORM

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| NAME  | DATE  |  |  |
| EMAIL   | PHONE |  |  |
| INSCRIPTION (must fit inside the leaf)  |       |  |  |
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- ❖ Aniversaries and Birthdays
- ❖ Births, Brit Milah, Baby Naming
- ❖ Bar & Bat Mitzvah
- ❖ Honoring children and grandchildren
- ❖ Honoring parents and grandparents
- ❖ Accomplishments of friends and family
- ❖ Significant events and honors
- ❖ Just because!



**1 Leaf @ \$300.00**

**Other \_\_\_\_\_ (CBI Members only)**

You will be invoiced for the total amount due.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL, 1256 NEBRASKA STREET, VALLEJO, CA 94590 ATTN: SUE BARUSH, ADMINISTRATOR**





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| 3 seats | \$850  |
| 4 seats | \$1100 |
| 6 seats | \$1500 |

***Let's finish the job we started!***

Please mail completed form to:

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1256 Nebraska Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590

For information contact:  
Sue Barush at 642-6526  
or [cbioffice1@yahoo.com](mailto:cbioffice1@yahoo.com)

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